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SUBJECT: CIVAIR--ANTI-HIJACKING CONVENTION.

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1. ECOM COUNSELOR DISCUSSED CONTENT REF A ON OCTOBER 29 WITH ACTING DIRECTOR OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN FONMIN, EMPHASIZING ARGUMENTS IN PARA 2 AND 3 REF A AND DESIRABILITY THAT ARGENTINA JOIN GROWING LIST OF STATES WHICH HAVE RATIFIED BOTH HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS.

2. ACTING DIRECTOR, MINISTER PEREZ COLMAN WAS NOT COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH OUTCOME SEPTEMBER ROME MEETINGS BUT TOOK NOTES AND INDICATED INTENTION CONSULT WITH DIRECTOR HIS OFFICE WHEN LATTER RETURNS FROM UNGA.

3. STATUS OF ARGENTINE RATIFICATION MONTREAL CONVENTION WAS DISCUSSED IN CONTEXT OF PRESENT UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING ARGENTINE ACTION REGARDING RATIFICATION. SUBSEQUENTLY, AFTER CHECKING WITH FONMIN LEGAL DIVISION, PEREZ COLMAN CALLED TO CONFIRM INFO CONTAINED REF B. DECREE LAW 20411 WHICH, IF IT HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED, WOULD HAVE APPROVED MONTREAL CONVENTION AND AUTHORIZED

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DEPOSIT OF ARGENTINE RATIFICATION WAS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT LANUSSE IN LAST TEN DAYS OF HIS ADMINISTRATION IN MAY, 1973. BECAUSE OF CONFUSION IN GOA AT THAT TIME, DEPOSIT OF RATIFICATION WAS NOT COMPLETED. AT PRESENT MOMENT A MESSAGE TO ARGENTINE CONGRESS FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT RATIFICATION IS AWAITING THE MINISTER'S SIGNATURE. FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE IS UNWILLING TO PREDICT PRECISELY WHEN ARGENTINA WILL COMPLETE RATIFICATION FORMALITIES BUT HOPE AND EXPECT THAT IT WILL BE SOON. FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE EMPHASIZED TO EMBASSY THAT THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION INVOLVED WHICH WOULD ACT TO DELAY ARGENTINE RATIFICATION. LODGE

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